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AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 3-4 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. No new matter is involved.

. (previously presented) A riding mower comprising:

an engine arranged on a body;

a set of front wheels and a set of rear wheels supported on the body and provided on a right and a left, each in pairs toward a forward direction;

a pair of hydrostatic transmissions (HSTs) driven by receiving revolution power of the engine, for rotating the pair of rear wheels in a forward rotation direction or a reverse rotation direction;

a mower positioned in front of the pair of rear wheels and coupled to the body so as to be capable of being lifted up and down;

a step provided above the body;

a brake pedal for braking the pair of rear wheels, provided upward of the step;

a parking operation member for maintaining a step-on condition of the brake pedal;

a pair of mower elevating links for coupling between the body and mower;

a lift shaft for rotating the pair of elevating links, respectively, provided in a right and left direction at a side connecting portion to the body in the pair of elevating links;

a hydraulic cylinder for elevating the mower by rotating the lift shaft; and

a rotating shaft of the brake pedal provided concentrically with the lift shaft.

2. - 5. (canceled)

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